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November was 121 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 21 percent from last year and 29 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 128 percent of the base, was up 29 percent from November 2001, while the All Livestock Index, at 96 percent, was down 4 percent from last year. November indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The All Crops Index is 104, up 2 percent from October and 17 percent above the November 2001 index. The Livestock & Products Index, at 89, is up 2 percent from last month but down 10 percent from November 2001.



## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

**N**orth Dakota  
The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in

**U**nited States  
The All Farm Products Index is 97 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 1 percent from the October index and 4 percent above the November 2001 index.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, November 15, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Unit	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES			Effective U.S. Parity Price Nov 2002
		Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 15, 2002	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 15, 2002	
		--- Dollars ---			--- Dollars ---			- Dollars -
Wheat, Durum	Bu	2.90	4.35	4.15	3.04	4.43	4.23	---
Other Spring	Bu	2.78	4.31	4.15	2.91	4.44	4.32	---
Winter	Bu	2.17	4.06	3.95	2.82	4.32	4.15	---
All	Bu	2.81	4.32	4.15	2.87	4.37	4.23	9.68
Corn	Bu	1.66	2.16	2.15	1.85	2.34	2.30	6.55
Rye	Bu	2.27	---	---	---	---	---	5.70
Oats	Bu	1.70	1.71	1.65	1.79	1.85	1.87	3.99
Barley, Feed	Bu	1.55	1.89	1.90	1.79	2.25	2.33	---
Malting	Bu	2.16	2.52	3.30	2.65	2.91	3.14	---
All	Bu	1.79	2.25	2.67	2.30	2.65	2.81	6.43
Sunflower, Oil	Cwt	8.91	11.80	12.10	---	---	---	---
Non-oil	Cwt	11.30	13.50	13.70	---	---	---	---
All	Cwt	9.49	12.00	12.30	9.10	12.00	12.40	---
Baled Hay, Alfalfa	Ton	49.00	72.00	68.00	104.00	101.00	101.00	---
Other	Ton	35.00	50.00	49.00	74.90	73.40	75.40	---
All	Ton	45.00	66.00	62.00	95.90	94.50	93.60	---
Flaxseed	Bu	4.33	5.76	6.05	4.33	5.76	6.05	11.40
Soybeans	Bu	3.86	5.01	5.15	4.16	5.19	5.43	14.30
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	Cwt	21.10	14.40	---	---	---	---	---
Pinto	Cwt	20.10	15.00	---	---	---	---	---
All	Cwt	20.80	14.80	13.40	22.70	16.70	16.70	48.50
Potatoes, Fresh <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	8.00	10.45	---	8.28	8.20	---	---
Processing	Cwt	4.65	4.85	---	4.77	4.69	---	---
All	Cwt	5.55	6.00	6.05	5.96	5.57	6.01	13.70
Beef Cattle	Cwt	72.10	71.60	69.60	96.70	91.90	90.40	160.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	82.50	78.60	79.00	67.80	68.50	70.90	---
Cows	Cwt	35.30	32.10	32.00	35.80	33.60	32.60	---
Calves	Cwt	89.50	83.30	82.00	96.70	91.90	90.40	212.00
Sheep	Cwt	25.50	26.00	---	27.10	26.50	---	76.40
Lambs	Cwt	48.60	79.60	---	52.80	79.90	---	180.00
Hogs	Cwt	39.10	34.90	---	35.00	30.60	27.40	103.00

<sup>1/</sup> Previous month and previous year prices are entire month average except for alfalfa, other and all hay which are mid-month prices. <sup>2/</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

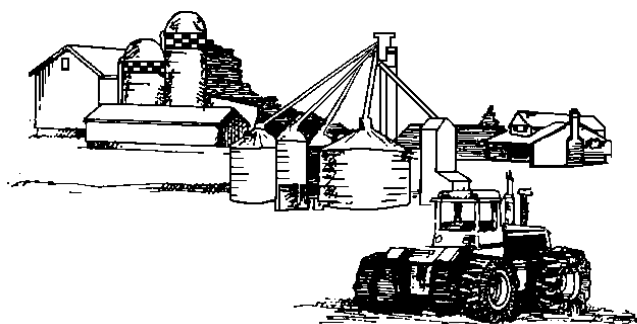
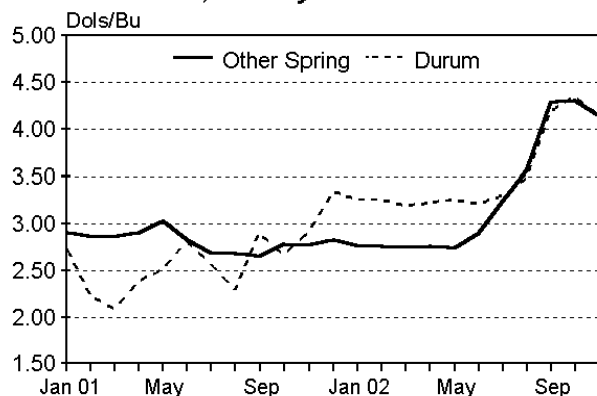
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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

**Durum & Other Spring Wheat Prices Received  
North Dakota, January 2001-November 2002**



**INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES  
November 15, 2002**

Indexes and Ratios	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES		
	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 15, 2002	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 15, 2002
<b>PRICES RECEIVED</b> (1990-92 = 100)						
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	100	121	121	93	96	97
CROPS	99	127	128	89	102	104
Food Grains	99	156	146	88	127	121
Feed Grains & Hay	90	119	123	86	105	104
Oil Bearing Crops <sup>1/</sup>	92	110	119	77	90	96
Potatoes & Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	122	112	108	106	94	100
LIVESTOCK	100	93	96	99	87	89
Meat Animals	99	91	93	86	84	84
Dairy Products	115	114	115	110	93	90
Poultry & Eggs	97	97	97	117	89	98
<b>PRICES PAID</b>	---	---	---	122	125	126
<b>RATIO <sup>3/</sup></b>	---	---	---	76	77	77

<sup>1/</sup> Includes non-oil sunflower. <sup>2/</sup> North Dakota includes sugarbeets. <sup>3/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

## 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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## MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES

### North Dakota

The 2001 Marketing Year Average (MYA) prices for corn, flaxseed, sunflower and dry edible beans were above the 2000 prices. The MYA price for soybeans was \$4.05, down from \$4.23 in 2000 and the lowest since 1971. Corn, at \$1.87 was the highest since 1997 and at \$20.40 the all dry edible bean price was the highest since 1993.

### LATE SEASON CROPS MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES

Item	Unit	North Dakota		United States	
		2000	2001	2000	2001
		- - - Dollars per Unit - - -			
Corn	Bu	1.65	1.87	1.85	1.97
Soybeans	Bu	4.23	4.05	4.54	4.38
Flaxseed	Bu	3.31	4.29	3.30	4.29
Sunflower, Oil	Cwt	6.06	9.39	5.89	9.07
Non Oil	Cwt	11.30	11.70	11.20	11.60
All	Cwt	7.46	10.00	6.89	9.62
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	12.60	20.40	15.50	22.10
Navy <sup>1/</sup>	Cwt	12.00	17.10		
Pinto <sup>1/</sup>	Cwt	12.50	20.40		

<sup>1/</sup> U.S. level not published for navy and pinto beans.

## 2002 GROWING SEASON

### North Dakota

After a relatively dry and mild winter, most of April was cooler than normal with above average precipitation.

Fieldwork was limited due to frequent rain and snow showers. The statewide average starting date for fieldwork was April 25, ahead of last year's start of April 29, but one day behind the five-year average (1997-2001). The starting dates ranged from April 18 in the southeast district to May 3 in the north central district. The record late statewide average starting date is May 13, set in 1979.

Small grain planting started mid-April and ran behind the average until mid-May. By May 26, spring wheat planting progress had moved ahead of the average with 88 percent of the crop planted, the average was 83 percent. Late season crop planting also started behind the average, but quickly caught up because of warmer and dryer weather in late May. By May 26, planting progress for all the late season crops, with the exception of dry edible beans and sunflower, was ahead of the average.

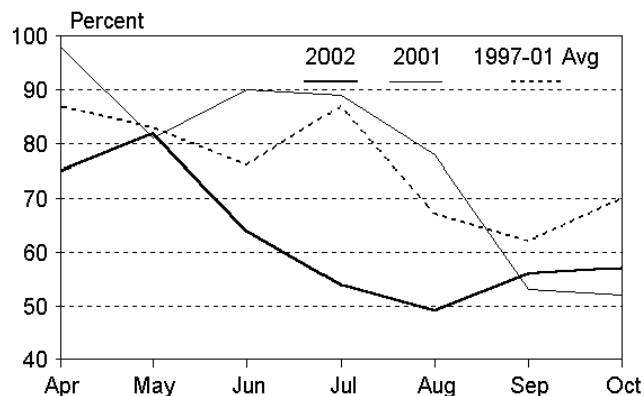
Crop conditions varied greatly statewide during the growing season. Areas in the south and west experienced a drought most of the summer and into the fall. Meanwhile, counties in the northeast received too much rain and many flooded fields had to be abandoned. Statewide, on July 28, the hard red spring wheat crop was rated 9 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 35 good, and 4 excellent.

Small grain harvest started late July, on pace with average. Harvest was hindered by scattered thunderstorms throughout much of August. By September 1, 60 percent of the hard red spring wheat had been harvested, compared to 88 percent last year and the average of 77 percent. With the exception of durum wheat, the small grain harvest was complete by September 29, nearly 3 weeks behind last year, but on pace with the average. Durum wheat, along with the canola and flaxseed harvest, were finished by October 13.

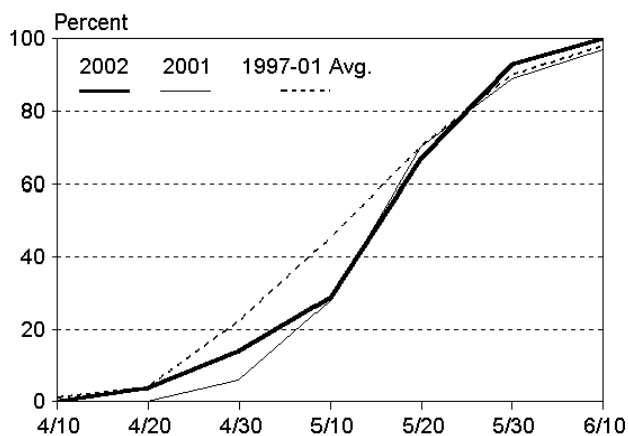
Throughout the end of September and most of October, producers made good progress harvesting late season and oilseed crops. However, snow and rain late in October and much of November slowed harvest progress, especially in the eastern third of the state. By October 27, 55 percent of the corn, 92 percent of the soybeans, and 44 percent of the sunflowers had been harvested, all behind the average. Harvest of all crops was completed by the first week of December.

As of November 24, 56 percent of the state had adequate to surplus topsoil moisture supplies. Soil moisture supplies in most of the southwest and south central counties were still rated short to very short.

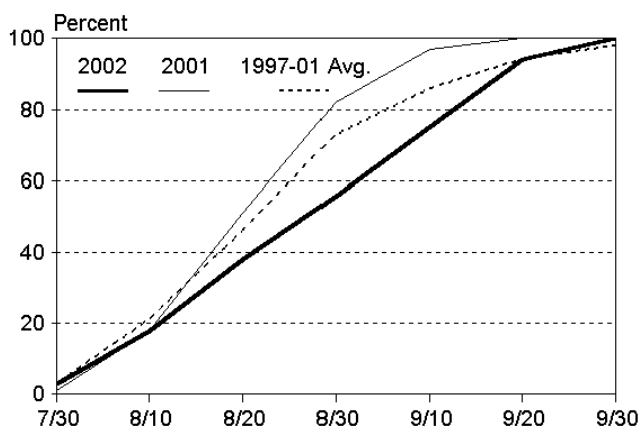
**Topsoil Moisture Supplies**  
**Percent Rated Adequate to Surplus**  
**North Dakota**



**Hard Red Spring Wheat Planting Progress**  
**North Dakota**



**Hard Red Spring Wheat Harvesting Progress**  
**North Dakota**



UPCOMING MEETINGS & REPORTS

NDSU Extension Service is holding these December meetings:

Soybean Day

Wednesday, December 11, NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center, registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with soybean plant nutrition, including discussion on seed inoculation and nitrogen and phosphorus management. For more information, contact Greg Endres, Carrington Center, 701-652-2951 or NDSU Extension Service offices in Stutsman and Wells counties.

Commercial and Private Pesticide Fumigation Training

For further information and online registration, go to <http://ndsupesticide.org> and choose 'training opportunities'. Pre-registration is required with the private certification fee of \$19.00 to be sent to the NDSU Extension Pesticide Program Office not the county extension offices. Held over the Interactive Video Network (IVN) on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dickinson - Dickinson State University, North Campus #104 (Mountain Time Zone)  
Fargo - North Dakota State University, E Morrow Lebedeff Hall #183  
Grand Forks - University of North Dakota, Gamble Hall #130  
Williston - Williston State College, Main Bldg #120  
Minot - North Central Research Ext. Center, 5400 Hwy 83 S

The seminar, **Hard Choices in the Heartland: Working with Rural Families Under Stress**, will be lead by Sean Brotherson, NDSU Extension Family Science Specialist, and will feature Val Farmer, Rural Psychologist, and Tom Carlson, Marriage and Family Therapy Specialist. The seminar will be held on **Friday, Dec. 13**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, ND. Register for the seminar by calling the NDSU Extension Service at 701-231-8113. Cost of the seminar is \$35.00.

Upcoming NASS reports: Most will be published in future Farm Reporters. For more immediate information, call our office at 239-5306 or 1-800-626-3134 after the release time or go online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd/>.

	Date	CST
Crop Production	Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.
Potato Stocks	Dec. 13	2:00 p.m.
Hogs & Pigs	Dec. 30	2:00 p.m.
Agricultural Prices	Dec. 31	2:00 p.m.



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